

Parish Council Meetings

22nd Sept Ordinary
24th November Ordinary
26th Jan 2026 Ordinary
23rd March 2026 Ordinary
18th May 2026, Annual & Assembly

15 minutes is available for members of the public to speak on issues or concerns they have regarding Coughton. If there is anything specific you wish to discuss at length, please email the parish clerk to pass on to Coughton councillors.

All Parish Council meetings are held @ 6.30pm in Coughton C of E Primary School Hall.

Agendas & Minutes of all meetings are available on the Parish Council website and the noticeboard by Coughton C of E School

Coughton Litter Picking & Fly Tipping

The amount of fly tipping in Coughton's lanes has reduced a little since reporting. We now have teams of volunteers cleaning our roads and hedges. If you would like to join this group and help keep our lovely village tidy, please contact a parish council member and they will add you to the list of areas being cleared. We have litter pickers, bags & gloves for you to use. If you see any fly tipping, please photograph this and report via Stratford District Council Website. <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/fly-tipping-form.cfm>

Coughton Parking Issues

We are still having parking issues in the village especially around school times, with cars blocking driveways, parking on double yellow lines & on Zig Zags without a badge/permit. The school has sent out newsletters to attendees at the school, but could we kindly ask anyone parking in the lanes NOT to park over the edge or opposite driveways as the villagers are unable to access their homes. Mr Kolb will be putting event dates on the What's App Group.

PLEASE EVERYONE BE CONSIDERATE!

Sambourne Village Notices

Coughton with Sambourne Church Services

3rd August Sambourne Holy Communion 4pm
17th August Coughton Morning Worship 11am
7th September Sambourne Evening Prayer 4pm
21st September Coughton Holy Communion 11am
For services at St Peter's Coughton, entry from A435 Birmingham Road National Trust entrance to Coughton Court. The gates open at 10am and parking is in the National Trust car park.

Everyone is welcome to our friendly informal services. Refreshments are served afterwards.

Thanks to all who supported Sambourne's summer fete, Coughton CofE School Choir sang beautifully and everyone had a super day.

100 club

Junes' Winner. £100 was won by Pat Shreeves
Julys' Winner. £450 was won by Alex McTavish
The draw for August & September will be £100 and the prize for October will be a jackpot of will be £450
Draws are made on the first Sunday of every month. Please give some thought to joining the 100 Club to have a chance of winning a cash prize each month. Should you wish to join. Contact Peter Laband (01527 893879) or John McTavish (07732630164)



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- Lynne Stanton
- The Old Post Office, 9 Birmingham Road, Coughton, B49 5HR
- Telephone: 07841818377
- lynnestanton.cpc@gmail.com
- Village Pass
If you have recently moved into Coughton or do not have a 'Village Pass', for Coughton Court Please contact; Claire.hancox@nationaltrust.org

COUGHTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025

COUGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERTS 'WHAT'S APP' GROUP

Coughton WhatsApp group was set up in 2023 and serves as Coughton's 'Neighbourhood Watch' by another name and has proved to be a very quick and easy method of communication. There are over 70 members in the group, but not everyone in the village has joined.

Ideally, everyone in the community will be included. The only requirement is a mobile phone. If you are already a member and know of neighbours who are not, please encourage them to consider joining.

If you would like to join this group, please send Lynne a text message on 07841818377 stating your name and number and you will be added.

Any villagers without the use of a mobile phone could ask a family member to join on their behalf and get news via them.

In the past, messages have been posted about suspicious incidents, criminal and anti-social behaviour, flooding, power cuts, road traffic incidents, etc.

It also helps fellow members if you include locations when reporting anything to the group, as not all members know where everyone is situated.

Posts regarding social activities should not be sent to this group. Obviously, if you are a witness to, or a victim of an incident that needs immediate action, then your first call is to the emergency services.

We aim to include various issues regarding home, on-line and personal security in the newsletter in the future.

How would you approach an emergency in your own home?

If someone collapsed and there is just you in the house, we know you would call the emergency services first but how would you get the defibrillator (which is located by the Telephone Box on the A435) should you need it as you can't be in two places at once during this vital time. We should all nominate a neighbour (with their permission), to be contacted at this time. Keep a note of their number to tell emergency services, unless you can use another phone at the same time to contact them.

I.C.E.

Do you know what this means?

ICE means In Case of Emergency!

Do you have this in your phone with your ICE contact and your medical history. This can be accessed without having to unlock your mobile phone.. If you do not have this in your phone, please put it in NOW as it may save yours or your loved ones life. If you are unsure how to do this, ask someone for help and they can put it in your phone for you.

Please contact Lynne if you would like to put something of interest into the Newsletter

WE'RE HIRING

COUGHTON HAS A VACANCY FOR A PARISH CLERK

We are looking for a skilled, committed and highly motivated person to manage the Parish Council's services and lead a small and active teamworking in the vibrant parish of Coughton.

If you have:

- Good organisational & project planning skills
- Excellent communication and IT skills
- A sound understanding of financial systems
- A confident, sensitive, friendly and polite manner
- Discretion and ability to deal with confident matters
- Able to work approx 5 hours per week including some evenings for Parish Council Bi- Monthly meetings
- Understand the workings of councils

If you possess these skills and attributes, we have an exciting opportunity for you.

To apply, please contact the present parish clerk on: coughtonclerk@gmail.com

Coughton Parish Council

Sarah Whittaker: Clerk coughtonclerk@gmail.com
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Lynne Stanton: Vice Chair lynnestanton.cpc@gmail.com
Roy Piddington: Cllr roypiddington.cpc@gmail.com
Len Carter: Cllr lencarter.cpc@gmail.com
Jim Hawthorne Cllr jimhawthorne.cpc@gmail.com



Dates for your Diary

Coughton Community Choir practice every Thursday @ Kings Court Hotel 6.30pm

Bi Monthly Parish Council Meetings

16 August Coughton Village Walk

23 August Coffee Morning in 'The Mews' 10-12

27 Sept Coffee Morning in 'The Mews' 10-12

18/19 October Cemetery Tidy Weekend

31 October Halloween Celebrations

13 November Remembrance Sunday 11am

December Hog Roast

Litter Picking Days Dates TBC

Boozy Book club @ The Throckmorton Dates TBC

Book Swap, Coughton's Phone Box Opening Date TBC

Coughton Book Swap & Book Club

The telephone box located on the A435 is being purchased by the parish council for £1, as it was being decommissioned. Once the consultation period has been completed we will be turning it into a 'Book Swap Box'. This will enable anyone who wishes to take books to leave, exchange or borrow one themselves to do so. The books will be changed regularly. We will also be starting a 'Boozy Book Club' (open to alcohol and tea drinkers alike!). The start date for this is still being discussed and hopefully will be held at The Throckmorton every 4-6 weeks. (depending on how fast we all read!)



Coughton Bi Annual Village Walk

16th August 2025 @ 9.50am for 10am start at Coughton CoFE School and finishing on the A435. Everyone and their dogs are welcome to join in

the fun of a lovely walk around the beautiful countryside that surrounds our village, followed by drinks at The Throckmorton with refreshments, courtesy of Dave. Or, just meet us at the pub if you do not wish to complete the walk. A shorter route is also available. Hopefully this will be another community event that continues and brings people together.



Coughton's beautiful rainbow last week was simply breathtaking, thank you for all of the photo's.



Coffee Mornings

Coughton Coffee Mornings have become more and more popular, with last months attracting over 20 people. The next coffee mornings are on SATURDAY August 23rd & SATURDAY September 27th, 10am-12pm. Please join us for coffee, cake and a chat.



Roads & Pathways

If you have any issues with pathways, roads or flooding by your property. Please can you take photographs and send these along with details to your parish councillor Lynne Stanton as we are keeping a log of all issues in the village.

Highways have recently jettied the drains & inserted a camera to view the state of the drains and map the drainage system & issues, on the A435, Coughton Lane, Sambourne Lane & Coughton Fields Lane. Once this is reviewed, there will be a maintenance order put in place to ensure the water flows in the correct direction and there are no blockages in the system. This is to try and alleviate flooding in Coughton. Once the drainage issue has been completed, Highways will then resurface the roads. I will update you regarding this via the 'What's app' group when I know any dates. Highways are at last tackling the issue with the drain opposite The Throckmorton.

This is some of the rubble removed from the drainage system



The Parish Council is in URGENT need of new councillors to join our team.

If you have a vision on how we can take our fantastic village forward or ideas to improve items on the agenda, PLEASE jump on board. You do not need to spend hours at a time being a Councillor, possibly an hour or so a week. You can take on your own projects or join with others on theirs. Please consider this as we do not wish to lose our invaluable Parish Council and be run by Stratford District.

WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Coughton Open Gardens

What a beautiful day for this 1st Open Garden event in the village. The gardens and lakes looked stunning. Cakes and teas were served and the fantastic Coughton Community Choir sang their hearts out. Here's to next years open garden event.



The 5 C's or

Coughton Community Choir's Charity Concert

Spectacular!!
Coughton Choir hit the high notes once again.

"The best yet..." Coughton Choirs latest concert held on 5th July at Kings Court Hotel was hailed as the best yet.

A sell out crowd joined in a range of songs from a host of Musicals this year, despite the heat, songs from; The Greatest Showman, Mamma Mia, The Sound of Music, Fiddler on the Roof to name just a few.

We were delighted to, once again, be joined by the amazingly talented Alice and Frazier before they embark on new adventures in London at some of the most prestigious universities - we wish them every success. Grace also sang a beautiful haunting solo song. With a special guest performance from Mark Arnold of Sambourne Singers and his rendition of 'Master of the House' from Les Misérables received rapturous applause.

The amazing talented Fiona, our choir mistress and compere for the evening, has spent many months, and lots of

patience, working with the choir to bring together another successful concert. Proceeds, as usual, will be shared with local charities. This year we will be supporting Myton Hospice and due to circumstances beyond their control we will also be providing urgent support to Studley First Responders (a charity which we supported last year).

Thank you for all your encouragement and support.

Coughton Ford



* From This



* To This

Yes it's that beautiful time of the year again when we all go and dip our toes in the Ford, have a picnic on the green and generally have fun with family and friends. Or in some cases go to the ford, leave rubbish for others to collect or even have a bonfire. Working cameras are being installed to find the culprits of any vandalism and anti-social behavior. If you see anything unlawful or anti-social, please report it to the Police or a member of your Parish Council.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF OTHERS USING THE FORD.